



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
KANSAS CITY DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
700 FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64106-2896

September 5, 2006

Environmental Programs Branch

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Mr. Wally Mechler Jr.  
6420 SE California  
Berryton, KS 66409

Dear Mr. Mechler:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE) on behalf of the Department of Defense is currently addressing groundwater contamination at the Forbes Air Force Base site in Topeka, Kansas. As part of our interim remedial action, the COE installed a replacement well on your father's property. Since its installation in early July, we have collected four groundwater samples from the newly installed well. The results show Coliform bacteria is present at unacceptable levels. On August 15, 2006, the COE treated the well for bacteria for a period of twenty-four hours. Groundwater samples were collected again and the results still show the presence of Coliform bacteria.

COE also considered other options such as connecting your house-hold to the City of Topeka water supply system. However, as you know, the City of Topeka required Annexation Consent from property owners, which was not acceptable to you. Under these circumstances, COE is unable to re-drill the well since the area COE has been restricted to is not conducive to appropriate well installation due to the proximity of the sewage lagoon. We will continue to provide bottled water as well as maintaining and monitoring the existing Granular Activated Carbon unit at the residence. The new well will be properly abandoned.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 816-983-3239 or email me at [saqib.khan@nwk02.usace.army.mil](mailto:saqib.khan@nwk02.usace.army.mil). A copy of this letter is also being sent to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

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